



A young male Lazuli Bunting was seen at a feeder in Winchester, Illinois, 24-26 June 2002. Photo by Charlene Robinson.

Golden-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia atricapilla*) One collected by W. I. Lyon at Waukegan LAK on 28 Nov (1935.001; CAS #8175).

Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*) A male at a feeder in Pecatonica WIN on 12-17 Jan (1965.001; JS*); an immature male at a feeder in Carbondale JAC from mid-Feb to 23 Mar (1972.004; VK*); a male at Carpenter Park, Springfield SAN on 24 Nov (1973.005; HDB); a male at a feeder in Salem MAR on 29 Jan-24 Mar (1976.001, MH; BP*); a male at a feeder in Des Plaines COO on 4-8 Jan (1978.011; MC; DBJ*); a male at Waterfall Glen FP, DUP on 8 May (2002.013; RF). The Jackson County and Winnebago County re-

cords are reported in Kleen (1972), where a photo of the Jackson County bird was published.

Lazuli Bunting (*Passerina amoena*) One young male at a feeder at Winchester SCO on 24-26 June (2002.015; CR* p,v). This is only the third accepted record of this western species in Illinois. See photo, left.

Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*) One female at Urbana CHA on 28 May (2001.062; RC); birds photographed at E. St. Louis STC was present 7 May - 3 Aug (2002.014; DK*) At least two males were present, as was a female, but the female was not documented. A male was at a feeder in ca. 5 miles w. of Hidalgo, nw JAS on 4-15 Jan (2003.003; LS*). The St. Clair County birds were at the same site where nesting was documented in 1999, and where the species has been recorded annually since then in the summer. This species continues to spread in Illinois, but the winter record in Newton County was extraordinarily out-of-season.

Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) An adult female at a sewage treatment plant in Jacksonville MOR on 5-7 Oct (1974.003; HDB specimen ISM#605929, RRA*, VK, LBa, CC, PWr). This constituted the first record of this expanding species for Illinois. Two brief papers

reported this record (Randall 1975, Bohlen 1976). The specimen was determined (Bohlen 1976) to belong to the geographically closest subspecies *prosopidicola*. This species continues to expand its range northward and eastward. It probably remains under-reported in Illinois.

OTHER ACCEPTED RECORDS

— (6 records of 2 species, plus a hybrid)

Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicarius*) One at Waukegan LAK on 23-25 Nov (1972.006; LBa*); one at Lake Chautauqua on 18 Nov (1972.007; LBa*); one at Waukegan LAK on 25-28 Nov (1978.015; JN*, LBa*); one at Montrose, Chicago COO on 24-26 Nov (1978.016; DBJ*, SM).

Laughing X Ring-billed Gull (*Larus atricilla* x *delawarensis*) One at Montrose Beach, Chicago COO on 2 Aug (1995.069; RH*).

Dark-eyed Junco (*Junco hyemalis*) A Gray-headed Junco (race *caniceps*) was west of Springfield SAN on 12 Dec (2000.062; HDB, DO*). The committee remains interested in documentation of Dark-eyed Junco forms other than the more common Slate-colored and regular Oregon.

UNACCEPTED RECORDS —Review List Records Unaccepted (13 records of 13 species)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) One reportedly killed by a hunter at LaSalle LAS on 15 Sep (1930.001; Moyer 1931). The committee voted not to accept this record because there is no trace of the specimen, so the identification cannot be checked and because even if correctly identified, the question of origin cannot be evaluated. The report by Moyer is not detailed, and it is unclear whether he actually saw the specimen, or whether the report was entirely secondhand. Moyer also mentions a Fulvous Whistling-Duck, also shot by a hunter on 7 December 1919.

Because the Fulvous Whistling-Duck report is certainly secondhand, the committee has not evaluated it.

Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*) four birds were reported from Jackson Park, Chicago COO on 20 Feb (1980.012). The report consisted of two males and two females. The committee voted not to accept this record because no head tufts were seen on the birds, the coloration of the bill did not fit this species, light conditions for the observation were poor, and the presence of multiple Tufted Ducks together in Illinois seemed very unlikely.

Smew (*Mergus albeola*) One male n. of Hamilton HAN on 14 Dec (2002.037). The committee was unanimous in not accepting this record. All agreed that question of origin of the bird was a concern. Other exotic waterfowl observed in this area have apparently escaped from nearby collections. Additionally, the limited description led a majority of the committee to be uncertain that the bird seen was in fact a Smew. The male Smew present on the Mississippi River near Alton from 13 January to 5 March 2001 is still being reviewed by the committee. That bird was unques-